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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited in the specification of the present invention and/or by the Examiner in the corresponding German application and/or the International Search Report and/or a Request for Cancellation of the German priority application and/or Search Report in or Opposition to the European counterpart application, copies of which are submitted herewith. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, are provided herewith.

1. US Patent No. 5,311,654

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2. US Patent No. 6,060,694
3. US Patent No. 5,041,806
4. German Patent No. DE 39 25 641 C2
5. German Patent No. DE 297 05 185 U1
6. German Patent No. DE 298 20 838 U1
7. French Patent No. FR 1,524,221
8. German Patent No. DD 96 427 A
9. Swiss Patent No. CH 29 334 A
10. European Patent No. EP 0 406 782 A
11. Request for cancellation of German derivation 200 08 675 of PCT/EP00/02123 (and cited documents)
12. *Induktive Erwärmung, Physikalische Grundlagen und technische Anwendungen*, 4. vollständig überarbeitete Auflage 1991.
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20. *Soviet Inventions Illustrated*, Sections P, Q: General/Mechanical, Derwent Publications Ltd, UK 1983

21. Opposition against European Patent 1 165 284

22. Infringement suit against the firm GEWEFA Josef C. Pfister GmbH & Co. Präzisionswerkzeugfabrik with cited documents.

Document 1

Document 1 is cited in the Request for Cancellation of German derivation 200 08 675 and the Opposition in EP 1 165 284 B1.

Document 1 is in the English language.

Document 2

Document 2 is the English language equivalent of Document 5, DE 29705185. In the Request for Cancellation Document 1 is cited for teaching tool holders for rapidly rotating tools.

Document 3

Document 3 is the English language equivalent of Document 10, EP 0 406 782 A.

Documents 4-6

In the German Search Report Documents 4, 5 and 6 were cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 4, other than an English language abstract of patent family member: EP0382079:

The method and the device serve to chuck tools (12) in a receptacle (17) of a spindle (10), which receptacle (17) encloses a shank of the tool (12). In order to hold the tool (12) in the receptacle (17) with as powerful a frictional connection as possible, first of all the section (16) of the spindle (10) surrounding the receptacle (17) is heated at least in sections, then the tool (12) is inserted into the receptacle (17) enlarged by the heating, and finally the section (16) is cooled down again in such a way that the tool (12) is held frictionally in the receptacle (17) contracted by the cooling-down. For this purpose, the receptacle (17) is designed as a sleeve-shaped section (16), and a heating device (18, 19) for the section (16) is arranged at the same.

As indicated above, Document 2 is an English family member of Documents 5.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to 6.

Document 7

Document 7 is cited in the Opposition in EP 1 165 284 B1.

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 7.

In the Opposition Document 7 was cited for teaching a device for clamping and releasing a shell press seat on a shaft via an induction coil surrounding the shell and acted upon by induction current.

Document 8, 9, 10 and 20

In the International Search Report, Documents 8, 9, 10 and 20 are cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background.

Applicants are not aware of any English language documents equivalent to Documents 8 and 9.

As discussed above, Document 3 is the English language equivalent of Document 10, EP 0 406 782 A.

Document 20 is in the English language.

Document 11

Request for cancellation of German derivation 200 08 675 of PCT/EP00/02123 (and cited documents, *see below 12-18*):

Document 12

Induktive Erwärmung, Physikalische Grundlagen und technische Anwendungen, 4. vollständig überarbeitete Auflage 1991.

In the request for cancellation of the German Patent, Document 12 is cited for teaching at pages 7-12 the inherent electrical resistance of metal objects will cause them to heat

when inductive current is passed through them. Pages 27-30 are cited for teaching joining and releasing of shrunk press bands.

Document 13

Essay of Martin Eastman "Shrink-Fit Toolholding", Zeitschrift Cutting Tool Engineering, April 1997, Seiten 76 bis 83.

Document 14

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Document 19

Taschenbuch der Hochfrequenztechnik, H. Meinke et al,
Dritte verbesserte Auflage, 1968

In the Opposition Document 19 was cited for teaching multi-filament braded wire as conventional for high frequency applications, and coils of such braded wire being air cooled.

Document 21

Opposition again European Patent 1 165 284

Document 22

Infringement suit against the firm GEWEFA Josef C. Pfister GmbH & Co. Präzisionswerkzeugfabrik with cited documents.

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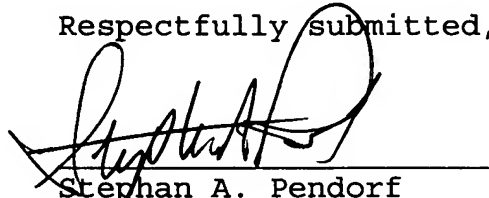
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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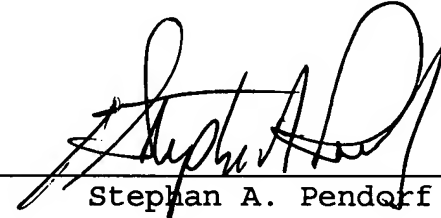


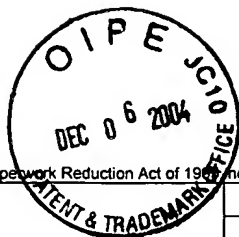
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